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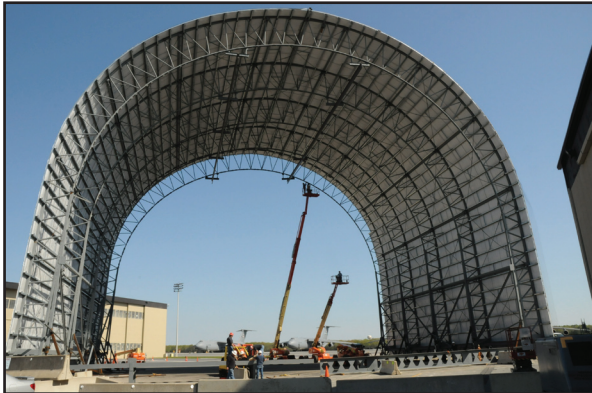


Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

New structure on base

A contractor erected a \$3 million Mobile Tail Enclosure April 10 at Building 712 here for the 512th and 436th Maintenance Groups. While the work on the building is not complete, the 99-foot tall, 100-foot wide structure will eventually be a short-term fix for Dover Air Force Base's need for full-in hangars, or hangars which can hold an entire C-5 Galaxy or C-17 Globemaster III. Read the full story at www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123199665.

Base earns runner-up in CINC IE

Dover Air Force Base is the runner up for the 2010 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence, the Department of Defense announced April 8.

The CINC IEA recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations.

Dover AFB was awarded first place in the 2008 CINC IEA competition. The rules for the CINC IEA state that an installation is not eligible to compete for one year after winning the award.

"It is a huge honor to make it to this level," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander. "I see how hard Team Dover works every day to accomplish the global airlift mission and am honored to be part of this award-winning organization."

In recognition of its status as runner up, Dover AFB will receive \$500,000 in quality-of-life funds. Installation leadership is currently reviewing suggestions submitted by service members on how to use the funds to best benefit the base's personnel and mission. *(Courtesy 436th Public Affairs)*

Activated or not, all are critical to Afghanistan plus-up mission

Lt. Col. Craig LaFave

326th Airlift Squadron commander

Welcome to the Afghanistan troop build-up and the start of a long spring and summer. By now, you've hopefully in-processed, completed final training requirements and are ready to get down to the business at hand.

Although we do have a tight timeline to deliver forces and their equipment into Afghanistan, one thing is for certain: Safety and sound judgement are not waived. We must be smart about our battle rhythms, procedures and fatigue countermeasures.

Read the full story at www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123199771.



"... we are all volunteers when we enlisted or took the oath."

Lt. Col. LaFave
326th AS
commander

Post 9/11 GI Bill to go automated

With 153,000 veterans enrolled in the Post-9/11 GI Bill this semester, and new automation tools to arrive this month to improve processing procedures, the Veterans Affairs secretary declared the program "on track" and headed toward greater efficiency.

Secretary Eric K. Shinseki acknowledged that the Post-9/11 GI Bill got off to a rocky start after it took effect Aug. 1, 2009.

"We took out steps that were redundant," he said. "In the process, we have simplified and reengineered the business process. We have worked the bugs out of an imperfect system.

"So I feel pretty good about how this is going," Secretary Shinseki said. "Our numbers are up and our payments are up, and we still don't have an automated tool."

The first of those new tools is set to come online this month, with more capabilities to follow in July, November and December. By the year's end, Secretary Shinseki said, the system will be fully automated. *(Courtesy AF News Service)*